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"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1713"

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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
Takehiro TSUTSUMI et al : GROUP ART UNIT: 1713
SERIAL NO.: 09/650,083 : EXAMINER: Kelechi EGWIM
FILED: August 29, 2000 :
FOR: WATER-BASED INK :

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Fudge
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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the final Official Action mailed January 22, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

It is requested that the Examiner expand the search to encompass the species of non-elected Claim 6, if Claims 1-5 and 7 are ultimately found allowable.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Claims 1-5 and 7 are active in the case.

The rejection of Claims 1-4 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Fague is traversed.